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## Carnival 58 is launched at 11/11/11/11/11

It is a long standing annual tradition to launch the coming Carnival season on November 11 at 11 minutes past the hour of 11 AM. It is handed down from European customs dating back centuries. This year, the launching of Aruba's 58th organized and united Carnival is particularly auspicious, as it was not only 11 minutes after the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, but we can tack on another 11 for the year! This won't come again for another century.

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## Morning News reporter Rosalie Klein among honorees during opening ceremonies of Special Olympics 2011 National Games



**Torch Bearers open the National Games**

The annual Special Olympics National Games opening ceremony was conducted at Piedra Plat Entertainment Center on Thursday evening, November 10, during which eight individuals were singled out for their contributions to the success of the Special Olympics, particularly this year, as in June of 2011 a delegation from Aruba traveled to Greece to compete in the World Summer Games.

Among the coaches and

sponsors who make the Special Olympics possible, THE MORNING NEWS is very proud that our reporter, Rosalie Klein, was among those called to the stage by Arturo Werleman, President of the Special Olympics Committee, to receive recognition for their dedication to the success of this worthwhile endeavor.

Once the symbolic Olympic torch was lit at sunset, the gathering was entertained by local dance groups, and the awards ceremony began. Those awarded plaques for their unstinting support of the Special Olympics on Aruba were Former General Manager of Digicel Mobile Providers, Bert Schreuders and his re-

placement, Remko van der Veldt, plus their marketing manager, Elaine Singh, as Digicel is the official corporate sponsors of Special Olympics around the world.

Also receiving plaques of appreciation were former Minister of Sports Ramon Lee and Franklin Bareno, owner of Bright Bakery, a major local sponsor. This year, to help raise funds and awareness to send a delegation to Greece, all Bright Bakery bread sleeves sported a promotional image of winners from 2007 World Games; a percentage of all sales went towards their travel fund.

Arelis Croes and Francia Erasmus are dedicated volunteers for several years now, always on hand either coaching the athletes or donating their time for events. Netty Williams of the SOA has worked for more than 20 years with the SVGA and dedicated her entire life to the mentally challenged, as well as steadfastly providing them with the spirit and courage to be all they can be.

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**Hooray for Netty Williams**







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## Morning News reporter Rosalie Klein among honorees . . .

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Appreciation for former Minister of Sport, Ramon Lee



Long time Volunteer Arelis Croes

Rosalie has been writing about and photographing Aruba's mentally challenged in their many activities since 2004 but became particularly involved when she saw the enormous hurdle of raising the funds needed to send a delegation to the World Games in 2007; the SOA claims that her efforts



Rosalie Klein Honored by Special Olympics Committee

alone are responsible for raising more than 50% of the funds needed for them to travel to both the 2007 and 2011 games in Greece. She had been invited to accompany them to this last event as the official news correspondent of the delegation, but was unable to take nearly a month away from her normal work.

While at the games, the SOA purchased a collectable plate, which is a one-time issue from the Athens games, and had it inscribed with her name and the sentiment: "For making reality the biggest dream ever of a special athlete-to participate in the world games." The MC, Elsa Krojendijk, a volunteer well deserving of recognition herself, described Rosalie as "a super-hero to Aruba's special athletes."

"I am delightfully surprised by this honor," said our MORNING NEWS reporter when handed this beautiful memento. "I do this out of respect for our special athletes, something we all need and want in life, respect, and they so deserve it for putting forward their best effort in representing Aruba when they go to these games. I also want to thank Michael Carty and Mark



Mark Gonzales and Ghislain Berry, Miss Aruba

Benson-Denz of 24ora.com for their support and efforts, and Paseo Herencia Mall for helping to make the special athlete's dreams come true."

Islanders are invited to cheer on their athletes during the current games taking place today and tomorrow, finishing with the swimming competition at the Talk of the Town Resort. The National Games

are a necessary part of qualifying for the World Games held every 4 years; in 4 times Aruba's athletes have participated they have always brought home gold, silver and bronze medals. The games in Greece welcomed over 7500 athletes from more than 135 nations, so this is quite an accomplishment of which all islanders should be very proud.



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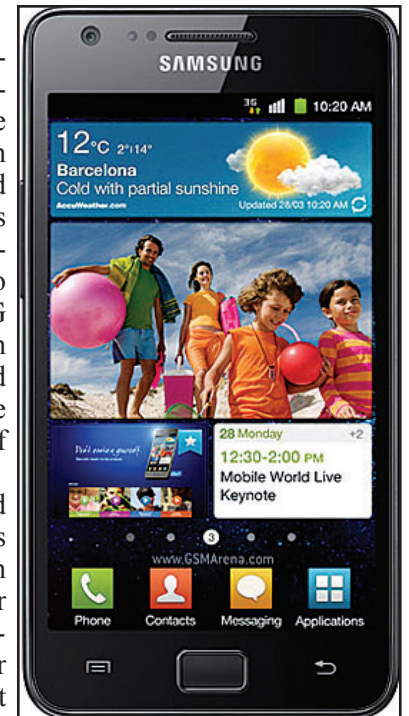
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## Arte Sano Design Studio proposes innovative solution to the Boa situation



A clutch in the colors of the tropical

Claudia Ruiz Vasquez, artist and founder of Arte Sano Studios, welcomed media and artists to the old Protestant Church on Thursday afternoon to explain the works she has on display there as part of the AIS/Salon art/fashion/cultural event taking place on the island through Sunday.

Claudia has proposed a viable and profitable solution to the infestation of the Boa Constrictor on Aruba, an invasive species that is proliferating unchecked, as they have no natural predators on the island to control their numbers. Scientists who have studied the situation describe them as a serious threat; Greg Peterson, Director of the Aruba Bird Conservation Foundation recited frightening statistics. Aruba's population of approximately 2000 boas at present consumes 52,000 indigenous species annually, which is divided in thirds by birds, mammals and reptiles. "This means over 17,000 birds are being eaten by the boas, and we know for certain they are seriously harming 2 species unique to Aruba, the prikichi

hopes to see become an important iconic industry for Aruba. Aside from becoming a lucrative endeavor, the project is also based on social values, training young men who are now serving sentences at Aruba's prison and providing them with skills and employment when they have served their time.

"The boa products of Arte Sano Studio will be 100% handmade on Aruba," explained Claudia. The skins can also be colored and the bags are produced in the often brilliant hues of the tropical birds the boas devour, to further remind purchasers of the service being done to the environment by controlling this invasive



Claudia explains the many products to be made from boa skin

and shoco, as we have actually opened up some boas and found several in their digestive tracts."

Arte Sano Design Studio has on display for the AIS/Salon several handcrafted clutches made from boa skins, which are quite attractive. Claudia has set up a factory for production of boa skin accessories, which she

species.

Pieter Barendsen, Head of the Department of Exotic Animal Control, stated that the department will issue permits for the products made from boa skins to be exported from Aruba.

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## Rihanna faces hefty fine for late start to Arnhem show



ARNHEM -- An hour's delay to the start of her concert in Arnhem is likely to cost pop star Rihanna several tens of thousands of euros in fines, according to local paper De Gelderlander.

The late start on Wednesday night generated a considerable increase in costs and the Gelredome arena operators think Rihanna should pick up the bill, the paper says.

For example, some 800 people involved in the post-concert clear up have to be paid overtime and Dutch Rail delayed a train to make sure the last concert-goers could get home, the paper said.

Meanwhile, Amsterdam television station AT5 reports Rihanna took her niece Noella Alstrom, who was celebrating her birthday, to a cannabis cafe in the city for a couple of hours on Thursday evening.

## Arte Sano Design Studio proposes innovative solution to the Boa situation

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**President of Bird Conservation Foundation Greg Peterson**

"Boas are not an endangered species, such as the Aruban Cascabel, to which the boas are a serious threat. We feel this is a viable and laudable solution to the problem."

Diego Martes, Head of the Aruba Boa Task Force, has administered over a number of



**Capturing the colors of the prikichi**

boa hunts this past year, and all reptiles are taken alive and humanely euthanized, then studied for their feeding habits. He stated the task force will work with Arte Sano and welcomes volunteers interested in participating in the hunts.

"Most importantly, the populace must be educated to the difference between those snakes we wish to save and those we need to eliminate," he acknowledged. The task force is also in the process of providing a hotline for when people



**Diego Martes Head of Boa Task Force**

spot boas on the roads or near their residence.

Mr. Martes and Peterson are very enthusiastic about the Arte Sano project and also applaud Claudia on this practical solution to what has become a serious threat to the environment. Another example on dis-



**Pieter Barendsen, Head of Exotic Animal control**

play was a chair upholstered with boa skin, and Claudia said they hope to produce boots, jackets and any number of fashionable items from this durable, high quality material.

By Rosalie Klein



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## California protestors told to leave after death



An Oakland police officer raises his hands to his head at the scene where a man was shot and killed near an Occupy Oakland encampment on Thursday.

OAKLAND (AFP) - Anti-capitalist protestors in California were told to abandon their camp yesterday after a fatal shooting, the third death in Occupy Wall Street-style camps this week.

Oakland Mayor Jean Quan called on campers "to leave voluntarily" and the Oakland Police Officers Association also issued a statement asking the demonstrators to leave "peacefully and immediately."

A man was shot Thursday at the edge of the camp, apparently after a dispute, although the Los Angeles Times reported that Oakland Police Department indicated the victim may not have been part of the protest movement.

Protestors camped in Oakland are part of the Occupy Wall Street movement that sprang up in New York in September, then spread to cities around the country, to demonstrate against unfairness in the US economy and the power of big banks.

In November, serious clashes erupted in Oakland, leaving eight people injured, after demonstrators forced the busy international docks to close and occupied a vacant building.

The murder on Thursday appeared to have pushed local authorities to demand decisive action.

"You have sent the world a strong message; now it is time to go home. Your leaving today, peacefully, of your own free will, on the 30th day, will send a message to Oakland that you care about our citizens and respect our city," the police association said in a statement to protestors.

There was another shooting in Burlington, Vermont, where a man was found dead Thursday in his tent at the local Occupy Burlington camp. The gunshot may have been self-inflicted, the Burlington Free Press newspaper reported.



AFP photo shows married couples celebrating yesterday at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in New York. With a crush of marriages, a rush to buy lucky lottery tickets and prayers for peace and oneness, people worldwide marked yesterday's once-per-century 11/11/11 lineup with humor, hope and a hint of mischief. Couples from Shanghai to Jakarta to Moscow to Las Vegas flocked to registry offices and chapels to marry yesterday in the belief that the "11/11/11" date is among the most auspicious in a century -- and competition was fierce to lock in a wedding ceremony reservation at the magic hour of 11:11.

## Anti-Wall Street protesters vow to "occupy" Rose Parade

LOS ANGELES - Anti-Wall Street protesters hoping to commandeer a worldwide television audience to air their grievances said yesterday they would peacefully "occupy" this year's Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.

Calling on Occupy demonstrators from across the country to join them, organizers said they would set up encampments along the parade route and unfurl a 250-foot banner demanding an end to corporate influence on politics.

Protesters also planned to march in a massive "human float" down the Colorado Boulevard route after the Tournament of Roses parade, which this year is scheduled for Monday, January 2.

## Central American states agree crime fighting plan

SAN SALVADOR (AFP) - Central American nations have agreed on a regional security strategy to combat criminal gangs and their armed factions linked to drug trafficking, officials said yesterday.

The shared strategy features 22 projects ratified late Thursday by representatives of governments from the region's seven countries. Eight of the projects have been prioritized and are due to launch starting next year.

A group of allied countries has already agreed to provide \$2 billion in gifts and loans to support the initiative, Central American Integration System (SICA) Secretary General Juan Daniel Aleman said.

The initiatives include plans to reduce violence at a local level, modernize prison systems, better train police,

improve criminal investigation systems and boost border security.

Central America sees 90 percent of cocaine consumed in the United States pass through its territory in operations led by powerful drug cartels that these smaller countries with limited means struggle to fight.

The region is considered one of the most violent in the world.

The gangs' armed factions, or youth-led "maras," wreak havoc, recruiting disenfranchised teenagers from the poorest neighborhoods, many of them deported from the United States.

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## 14 killed, Syria accused of 'crimes against humanity'

DAMASCUS (AFP) - At least 14 people were killed in violence in Syria yesterday, most of them civilians in the restive city of Homs, as Human Rights Watch accused the regime of crimes against humanity.

The Arab League, meanwhile, held a preparatory session in Cairo on the eve of a meeting of foreign ministers to discuss Syria's failure to respect proposals to end the crisis.

Opposition leaders have been pressing the League to suspend Syria's membership over the crisis which the UN says has cost more than 3,500 lives since protests against President Bashar al-Assad erupted in mid-March.

Eight people were killed in Homs in the latest violence, including four civilians shot by security forces in Al-Bayada neighbourhood and a 63-year-old man shot by a sniper, the

Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Residents in Homs also found the corpse of a young man who went missing the previous day and the bodies of two others, the Observatory said, without saying when they were killed.

The deaths in Homs came amid mass anti-regime rallies demanding the Arab League suspend Syria's membership in the pan-Arab body to sanction its brutal, eight-month crackdown on dissent.

Security forces broke up demonstrations in Al-Malaab, a main thoroughfare in Homs, but rallies relocated and mushroomed, engulfing eight neighbourhoods, the Observatory said.

Five people died in Daraa province, cradle of the revolt, including a 13-year-old boy killed by a bomb blast in Mseifra and a man hit by secu-

rity forces who opened fire against protesters in the same town.

In the northwestern province of Idlib, near Turkey, "security forces shot dead a man in the town of Ariha," where demonstrations erupted after the weekly Muslim mid-day prayers.

The Observatory also reported the entry of tanks into the Idlib town of Sheikhun in the wake of "mass demonstrations" and "violent clashes" that led to the "retreat by security forces from government buildings."

In Damascus, security forces on the streets of Barzeh and posted snipers on rooftops, after a wave of arrests and deadly violence shook the neighbourhood.

And "security forces unleashed heavy gunfire to disperse demonstrations," in the eastern oil hub of Deir Ezzor.

## Mexican interior secretary killed in helicopter crash

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexican Interior Secretary Francisco Blake Mora, a key figure in the country's bitter war on drug cartels, was killed in a helicopter crash yesterday near Mexico City, along with seven others.

"Unfortunately the interior secretary, his collaborators and the helicopter crew were found dead," government spokeswoman Alejandra Sota said in a televised address.

Blake, 45, was the second interior secretary to die in an

air accident during the presidency of Felipe Calderon, after Juan Camilo Mourino died in a small plane crash in Mexico City three years ago.

Blake and his colleagues had been traveling from Mexico City to Cuernavaca, in the neighboring state of Morelos, Sota said.

A search began after the helicopter disappeared from its projected route, and authorities have launched a probe into what happened, she added.

## IAEA: Radioactivity in Europe, no public risk

VIENNA (AFP) - The UN atomic agency said yesterday "very low levels" of radioactive iodine-131 had been detected in the air in the Czech Republic and in other countries, but presented no risk to

human health.

The Czech nuclear safety office said the source of the contamination was "most probably" outside the Czech Republic, and that its information suggested the cause was

not an accident at an atomic power plant.

Poland, Slovakia and Austria also said that they had detected abnormal but still very low levels, with Poland saying they had been "100 times higher" in March after Japan's Fukushima nuclear accident.

According to a spokesman from Poland's National Atomic Energy Agency there were also "unconfirmed reports" about a possible incident at a nuclear power station in Pakistan.

The International Atomic Energy Agency said it had received information from Czech authorities "that very low levels of iodine-131 have been measured in the atmosphere over the Czech Republic in recent days."

"The IAEA has learned about similar measurements in other locations across Europe," it said, without saying which other countries were affected.



Photo shows a veteran attending the Armistice Day ceremony marking the 93rd anniversary of the end of World War One in Brussels yesterday. Remembrance Day is observed on the anniversary of Germany signing the Armistice agreement at the end of World War One on November 11, 1918.

## Amazon, Halong Bay, Iguazu Falls among world's 7 wonders

GENEVA (AFP) - The Amazon rainforest, Vietnam's Halong Bay and Argentina's Iguazu Falls were named among the world's new seven wonders of nature, according to organisers of a global poll.

The other four crowned the world's natural wonders are South Korea's Jeju Island, Indonesia's Komodo, the Philippines' Puerto Princesa Under-

ground River and South Africa's Table Mountain, said the New7Wonders foundation, citing provisional results.

Final results will be announced early 2012, said the Swiss foundation, warning however that there may yet be changes between the provisional winners and the final list.

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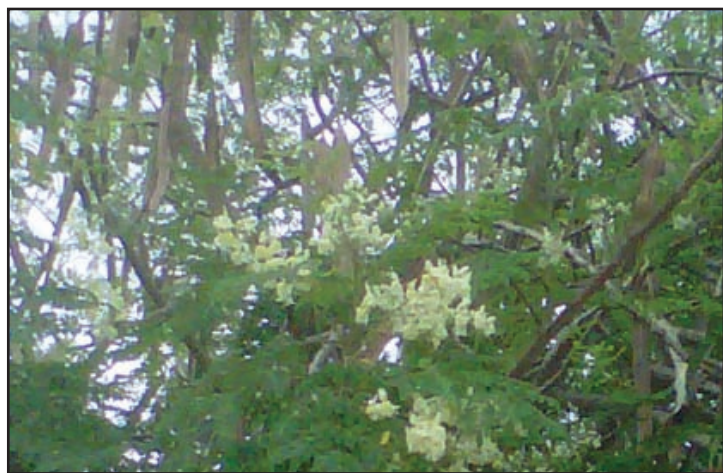
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## Health & Living

# Re-introducing Merengue to Aruba



In countries such as Surinam, Guyana and Trinidad, a common belief was – and, perhaps, still is: “On Aruba money grows on trees.” I came to Aruba with this belief, but was soon disappointed to find that on Aruba money does grow but not on trees, but from hard work and sacrifice.

As time went by and I became knowledgeable about Aruban life, especially about its flora and fauna, it dawned on me that in Aruba money does, indeed, grow on trees, but not in the form of notes and coins, but in their equivalent – food and other life supports provided by the Sign tree. The sight of this tree growing wild and neglected amazed me because in Trinidad the tree was treasured for its food and other values. It ranked with spinach, okra, beans and tomato, and fetched high prices. Thus, it was a “money” tree, and deserved the name “mother’s best friend.”

Sign is, in Trinidad, the common name of the tree whose scientific name is *Moringa oleifera*. Its other common names include: the drumstick tree (its long pods look like drumsticks), horseradish tree (the taste of its roots being like that of horseradish), Saigin, in Guyana. It arrived from Santo Domingo (the Dominican Republic) with the name Merengue, which is believed to be a distortion of its technical name *Moringa*. Or, perhaps, the sight of its waving, swirling, flexible branches

in the wind reminded the people of their pride and joy, the merengue dance.

In years gone by when times were really tough in Aruba, fruit-bearing trees like the merengue were brought in to stave off human and animal starvation. But in rosy times, such as the present, friends of the past are discarded. Thus, though the Merengue still struggles to hold its own in Aruba it is doing so only because it refuses to die. It breaks my heart to see its pods black and shriveling in the sun, and it’s bunches of white blossoms begging to be looked at.

So let’s give the tree a fair look.

**As Food.** Every part of the tree is edible. For centuries it has been the staple diet of peoples in the East and West. Number one on the list of goodies is its long pea-like pods. When young they are cooked in many ways: boiled, stewed with or without meat, or prepared like okra or beans. Its tender leaves and flowers make a tasty and nutritious salad. Every now and then they grace my dishes at lunchtime – a contribution of my boyhood diet, and proof that they might lead to a long healthy life.

**Vitamins and Minerals contents.** Protein 42%, calcium 125%, magnesium 60%, potassium 41% iron 71%, Vitamin A 27%, vitamin C 22%. Its leaves contain seven times the vitamin C in oranges, four times the calcium in milk, four times Vitamin A in carrots, the



times the protein in milk, three times the potassium in bananas.

**Oil Production.** The bark, sap, roots, leaves and seeds produce oil which is used for cooking, cosmetics and lubrication.

**Water Purifier.** In certain parts of India, crushed, dried seeds are used to purify water.

**Sexual Dysfunction.** In some countries the seeds are believed to be effective in relieving sexual dysfunction in men as in women. Hence, perhaps, the reason why it is popular in Santo Domingo, but frowned upon in Aruba.

The Merengue Tree is, indeed, a “miracle” tree. But look how it has become a nonentity tree in Aruba. My recent survey shows the following:

On my 32 km, 2-hour drive from Barcadera to Tanki Flip and environs I saw only three Merengue trees; one in my orchard, and another at Santa Rosa where I had expected to see many plants on sale. This shows that if the trend is not reversed the tree would soon be lost to Aruba, as has happened on Curacao.

Of five persons I personally interviewed, only one – an elderly woman – knows its name. None had ever eaten any part of the tree.

Therefore, we’d better wake up before it’s too late. Let’s not be lazy or snobbish. Let’s be grateful and dance the Merengue under a Merengue tree.

*By Isaac Chin*

## Albania: girl ratio 'suffers' in sex selective abortions

TIRANA (AFP) - "It's another girl," Roza said to the doctor, tears streaming down her pale face. "I cannot keep it, doctor, I already have three daughters," she implored.

The tiny, 28-year-old woman whose hair is already streaked with grey is more than four months pregnant -- beyond the nation's legal abortion limit -- but says she is ready to risk her life to make sure this baby is not born.

It is an all too frequent scene in Albania where the Council of Europe, the continent's 47-member state democracy and rights watchdog, warns that sex selective abortions have led to boys outnumbering girls 112 to 100 -- out of sync with the biological standard sex ratio at birth of 104-106 males to every 100 females.

Sex selective abortions -- and in earlier times infanticide -- have been cited as an indicator for skewed sex ratios in some Asian nations where tradition prefers sons. United Nations figures show China, India and Vietnam have the biggest imbalance, but the Council of Europe warns that the practice has spread to Europe -- and has singled out Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

"Traditionally Albanian families have favoured boys over girls for two main reasons: the inheritance of the family name and the prospect of boys growing up to become breadwinners," a 2005 report by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) said.

"It is a mentality that has remained," said Aferdita Onuzi, a noted anthropologist here. "In certain regions a girl is sometimes seen as a heavy burden."

It is also a personal nightmare for women like Roza.

"Last time, my husband almost killed me, he became violent when he found out that

I could not give him a son, and my mother-in-law also," the young woman said.

Her husband erupted in fury when he heard another girl was on its way, threatening to chase his wife and daughters from his home. "Are you sure?" he screamed at the doctor. "In our family we have only boys."

Albania legalised abortion on the eve of the communist regime's fall in the 1990s. It is allowed until the 12th week of pregnancy. After that, "therapeutic" abortions can only be performed if three different doctors have assessed a case and given the go-ahead.

While sex selection as a reason for abortion is expressly forbidden, there are no specific sanctions for breaching the law, local rights groups said. Since 2002, the availability of foetal sex screening has made it a frequent method for choosing the sex of one's child, according to these sources.

At only some 15 euros (\$20), an ultrasound is within the reach of most budgets. And abortions, which cost around 150 euros in a private clinic, are much cheaper than going through an in vitro fertilisation process to sort sperm to ensure a male, which can run into thousands of euros.

Last month, the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) adopted a resolution stating that prenatal sex selection has reached "worrying proportions" in Albania.

World health agencies warn such imbalances can not only affect marriage and fertility patterns but could cause unrest among young men unable to find partners.

"Some doctors come under enormous pressure from women to perform abortions when they see the foetus is female," she said. "It is that mentality that we have to change."





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## NASA readies launch of 'dream machine' to Mars



**This NASA photo shows the NASA Mars Science Laboratory rover, Curiosity, as it was taken during testing on June 3, 2011.**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US space agency is getting ready to launch later this month the biggest, most expensive robotic vehicle ever built to explore Mars for signs of previous life there, NASA said.

The Curiosity rover, known formally as the Mars Science Laboratory (MSL), is a \$2.5 billion state-of-the-art vehicle equipped with video cameras and a sophisticated mobile tool kit for analyzing rocks and soil on the red planet.

The launch of the 1,982-pound (899-kilogram) rover is set for November 25 at 10:21 am (1521 GMT) from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

"This is a Mars scientist's dream machine," said Ashwin Vasavada, MSL deputy project scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"This is the most capable scientific explorer we have ever sent out... We are super excited."

The rover will explore the Gale Crater on Mars, just south of that planet's equator,

where a range of soils exist and a small mountain gives the rover a chance to climb and analyze samples at different heights.

But first it faces a long, 354-million-mile (570-million-kilometer) journey to get there, taking about eight and a half months before landing in August 2012.

The landing itself is set to be a spectacular affair. A ravioli-shaped capsule will open to expose the rover suspended by a "rocket backpack" that will fire its engines to lower the MSL to the ground.

The rover's six wheels and suspension system should "pop into place just before touchdown," NASA said. Then, the machine goes into "surface mode," using a series of cameras and a long robotic arm to investigate the Martian terrain.

NASA sees the latest rover as a midway point in a long journey of Mars exploration that began with the landing of the Viking spacecraft in 1976 and may culminate with a human mission there in the 2030s.

The venture is not meant to hunt for life on Mars, but rather for signs that it once may have existed there.

Any clues it can send back about the habitability of Earth's neighbor, the fourth planet from the Sun, and about the radiation levels there will be important to NASA as it devises future exploration missions.

The project is meant to last two years, but NASA hopes that like some of its other rovers in the past, Curiosity will outlive its expected potential.

The rover has such advanced instruments that scientists expect it will return much more data than any other to date.

## Sci-Tech

### iPhone 4S making frenzied debut in 15 new markets



(AFP) - Apple's new iPhone 4S made glitzy and chaotic debuts in three new Asian markets on Friday, with customers and profiteers queuing for up to a week to get their hands on the popular gadget.

Thousands of people thronged Apple's new harbour-side store in the southern Chinese city of Hong Kong as

staff cheered and clapped, while midnight launches in South Korea and New Zealand featured celebrities and sports stars.

Top South Korean mobile operator SK Telecom put the iPhone 4S on sale at midnight for 100 enthusiasts who had placed pre-orders, with the country's most popular actor Wonbin and actress Shin Min-A counting down to the time.

Hip-hop musicians performed at the event at the company's headquarters.

Korea Telecom laid on comedian Choi Hyo-Jong and offered drinks and a prize quiz to 100 people awaiting its own launch at 8:00 am.

Die-hard fans had been keenly awaiting an upgrade to the earlier iPhone 4 long before the 4S was unveiled on

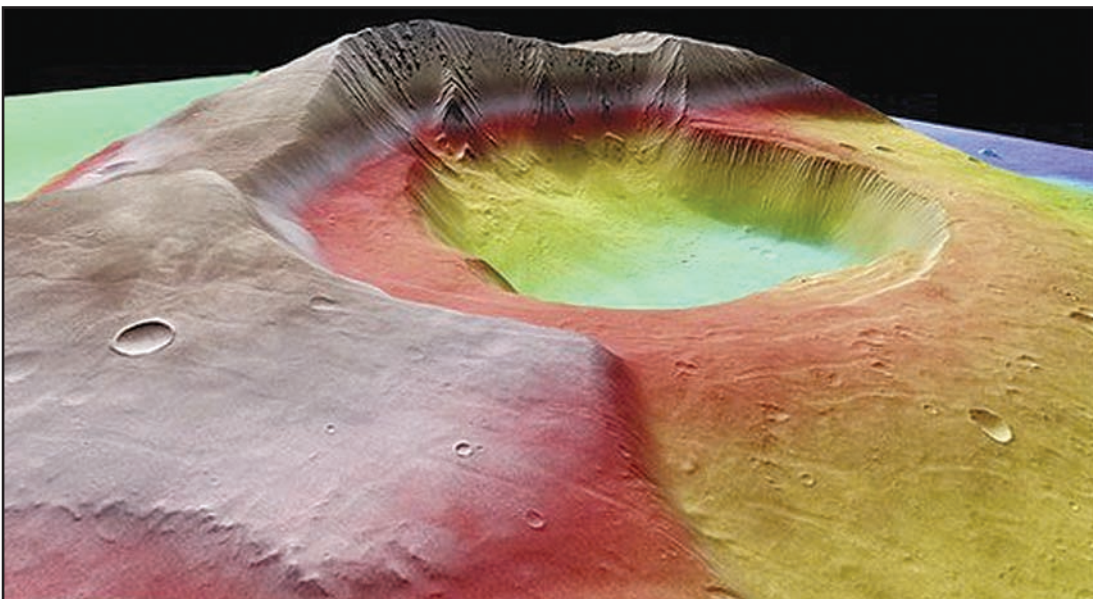
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"I've been waiting for the iPhone4S for over an year, and I didn't hesitate when I heard the news that it will be sold in Korea," said Lee Jae-Kwang, 31, the first in line for the phone at SK Telecom.

The latest version of Apple's "must-have" accessory was due to roll out in 12 other markets from Europe to Latin America later in the day.

The iPhone 4S is already a record-breaker for an Apple product, with more than a million sales in the first 24 hours of pre-orders when it first went on sale last month, shortly after the death of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs.

The latest in the iPhone series boasts faster speeds, a voice-controlled assistant called Siri and an improved camera.



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1. Cleo's Antony
5. Idyll writer Bernardo
10. Small boys
14. Promise, in the fridge
15. Entries
16. Kabuki fasteners
17. "Titanic" film, with "A"
20. Segregates
21. Airplane engine type
22. Miguel (Azores island)
23. Calrissian of Cloud City
24. la vie
27. "Good Earth" heroine
29. Not yet final, in law
33. "Norma" composer

35. William Aires
37. 1932 Herbert Marshall film
40. Thailand border river
41. Smithy stockpile
42. Flossie Bobbsey's sis
43. American holly
44. Radio feature
45. Painter José María
46. Comic Arnold
49. Mouth, slangily
51. Middle of a Spenser title
53. Dog Museum's locale
57. Forgettable Reagan flick
59. Luthier's metal strip
60. "I Still See" ("Paint

## Your Wagon" song)

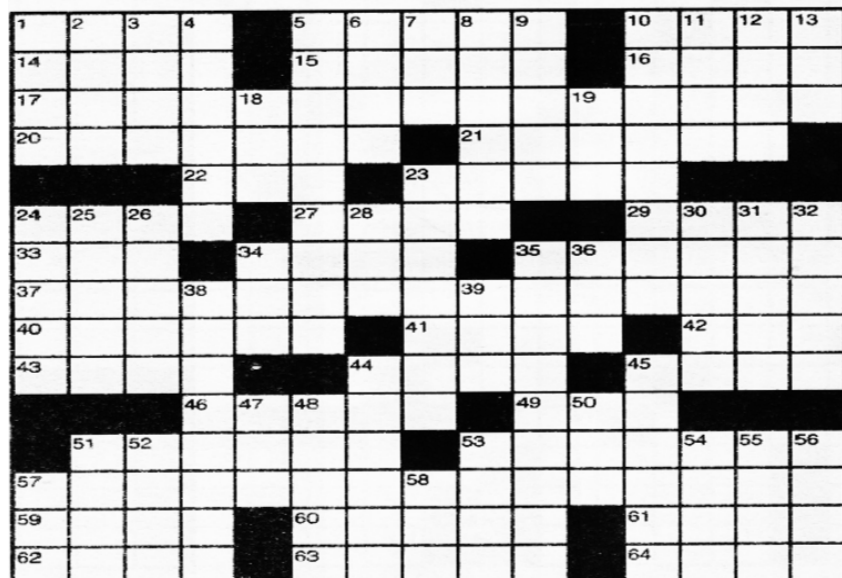
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62. Author Rice
63. Impede, at law
64. Random attempt

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1. Washbourne of "My Fair Lady"
2. "volat propriis" (Oregon's motto)
3. Federal rules, for short
4. Emcee in tandem
5. "Miami Ink" business
6. Turmoils
7. Gawain's title
8. Edberg of tennis
9. 14th-century

## Turkish emir

10. Fielding protagonist
11. "L'Constantin" (1882 novel)
12. Try to shed pounds
13. Kazakhstan, formerly: abbr.
18. Singing syllable
19. Limit
23. Michigan locale
24. The fatty part of leche
25. Soffit areas
26. Hunts for
28. Compressed fuel: abbr.
30. Goofy
31. Sun-derived
32. "a Letter to My Love" (Signoret film)
34. Shark sign
35. Surreptitiously set a bomb
36. Inspiration to Keats
38. Lean cut of meat
39. To's partner
44. Bends
45. "Airplane!" and "Scary Movie"
47. Three: prefix
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50. Gk.'s neighbor
51. Flowerless plant
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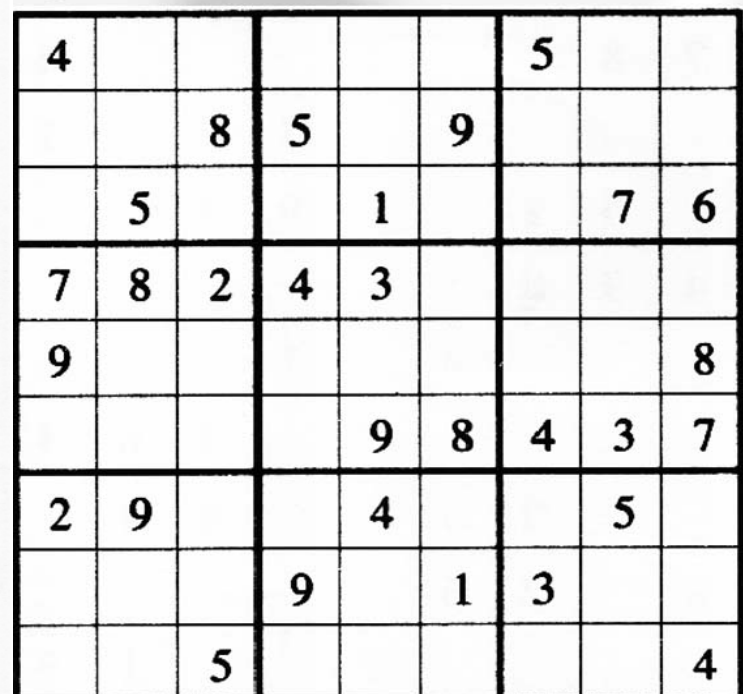
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## Finance

### US cheers Japan's entry into major trade pact talks

HONOLULU (AFP) - The United States yesterday welcomed Japan's entry into talks over a landmark US-Asia trade pact as confirmation of the deal's massive importance for the Asia-Pacific region.

Japan's decision to enter negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership is a major boost for Washington as it looks to transform the once-obscure pact into a trans-Pacific, Asia-wide trade deal.

"In close consultation with Congress and our domestic stakeholders, we look forward to engaging with the Japanese in these discussions," US Trade Representative Ron Kirk said in a written statement.

"To join the negotiations, Japan must be prepared to meet the TPP's high standards for liberalizing trade and to address specific issues of concern to the United States regarding barriers to agriculture, services and manufacturing trade, including non-tariff measures," he added.

"Japan's interest in the TPP demonstrates the economic and strategic importance of this initiative to the region."

The decision was a thorny one for Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda who announced it at the last moment before heading to Hawaii for a summit of Asia-Pacific leaders dominated by the deal.

Divisions abound in the ruling Democratic Party of

Japan as the country's exporters are eager to expand their markets but farmers are fearful that a massive flow of cheap food imports would destroy an already weak agricultural sector.

US President Barack Obama hopes to use America's chairmanship of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, meeting through Sunday in Honolulu, to shape the rules for the emerging Pacific region.

The entry of Japan, the world's third-largest economy, into the TPP negotiations is a major fillip for Obama on the eve of the summit.

Signed in 2005, the TPP was originally an obscure arrangement between just four members -- Brunei, Chile, New Zealand and Singapore.

But it got a shot in the arm in 2008 after the United States announced it wanted to join the grouping and invited a few economies to follow suit.

With Japan's entry, 10 nations are now in talks for an expanded TPP. The others are Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam.

The vision for the TPP is for an initial group of economies to form the core of the grouping. Membership will remain open, with more economies added progressively after they agree to the

same commitments as existing members.

The implications for such a trans-Pacific FTA are enormous, especially with the Doha Round of global trade talks still in limbo.

The Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, a Singapore-based think tank, said the combined economic output of the Asia-Pacific region was \$35 trillion in 2010, or a little over half of the world's total.


### Papademos takes the helm in troubled Greece



ATHENS (AFP) - Greece's new unity government headed by Lucas Papademos took office yesterday to save the debt-stricken nation from bankruptcy after a historic power-sharing deal struck between warring parties.

Papademos, 64, a former vice-president of the European Central Bank, will lead a transition government which will have to ratify a crucial 130-billion-euro (\$178 billion) international bailout and pave the way for new elections.

Papademos was welcomed with relief in a country exhausted by two years of austerity and exasperated by political squabbling over cut-backs demanded by its global creditors, the European Union and the International Monetary Fund.



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### IMF: Much-needed global 'rebalancing' stuck

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A much-needed global rebalancing of demand to propel economic recovery is "stuck in midstream," according to an International Monetary Fund report released yesterday.

In the report prepared for the November 3-4 G20 summit in Cannes, the IMF said that two important shifts necessary to restore global sustainable economic growth and strengthen the financial system were not moving ahead.

The first "rebalancing" is a move inside countries from state-driven demand to the private sector.

The second, which seems to point most directly at the deeply imbalanced US-China trade relationship, calls for countries with current account deficits to shift from internal demand to external demand, and, conversely, those with surpluses to strengthen domestic demand rather than focus on selling things to outside markets.

"The 'dual rebalancing' acts, however, are stuck in midstream," the IMF told the G20, exacerbating the fragility of the global economy. While governments are cutting spending to overcome their fiscal deficits, it pointed out, private demand in the form of investment and consumption is not filling the

gap, slowing growth when it needs to pick up.

It said this is in part due to new shocks, like Japan's March 11 earthquake/tsunami disaster, and to the eurozone turmoil. "At the same time, global demand rebalancing has stalled, as domestic demand in key surplus countries has not accelerated because underlying impediments remain unaddressed."

The result is to exacerbate continuing weaknesses in the global economy and financial sector, "posing risks to financial stability," the report said.

"Thus, understanding large imbalances within and across countries has taken on renewed importance," it said, summing up the gloom assessment. "Policy makers need to move with a greater sense of urgency on reaching an agreement on policies that will reduce imbalances and lay the foundation for restoring the global economy to health."

The report said both Japan and the United States had not made adequate progress on righting their huge budget deficit and debt burdens, while China, a huge surplus economy, was preventing the appreciation of its currency, which could help in the rebalancing effort by boosting its foreign and domestic demand.

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# Carnaval 58 is launched at 11/11/11/11/11/11

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Minister Hooyboer Winklaar officially launches the jingle



Chibi van der Hans(L) unveils Bacchanal for Carnival 58



SAC President Tecla Kelly (R) with SAC founder Milio Croes

Caribbean Cinemas at the Palm Beach Plaza hosted this ebullient event, which marks a period when Carnival groups will begin organizing their troops and accepting

new members until the first real Carnival happening, the Torch Parade, usually the first Saturday after the New Year.

Presiding over the launch of Carnival 58 was the President of Stichting Arubaanse Carnaval, SAC, the official administrating agency, Tecla Kelly-Hernandez. She welcomed Minister of Social and Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar to do the honors as

local media personality Ruben Garcia called out Jessy of the Coco Rico dancers to deliver to the minister the CD of this year's jingle, "Carnaval 58- 'No tin su Morocho' (Carnaval 58- Nothing Can Match it!) with lyrics by Ruben and Rincon

Boys performing. With a flourish, Jessy handed the CD to Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar, who gave it to the DJ to play at precisely 11/11/11/11/11, officially launching Carnival 58.

Other cherished rituals of this day include the unveiling of the unique carnival logo, this year designed by Michael Douglas, and the tee shirts that everyone will be wearing emblazoned with the emblem. Gifts of the new shirts were made to the Minister and last year's Carnival queens, as well as the original founder of SAC, now retired, Milio Croes.

The grand finale of this ebullient bit of Arubiana was the unveiling of this year's cover of Bacchanal, the "bible" of Carnival, edited and published by Chibi van der Hans. In a great change of his usual style of featuring gorgeously costumed Carnival queens, Chibi chose to honor seven legends of Carnival: Nico Quant, Mary Simon, Eddy Ras, Martica Arends, Bertha Janga, Sela Goeloe and Tutu Rasmijn.

Complimentary copies of Bacchanal, in Papiamentu and English, can soon be obtained at groceries and gas stations around the island.

Last night, Carnival groups put their themes and costumes on display at Palm Beach Plaza in a gala preview of the upcoming Carnival season 58. Islanders will turn their attention to the more traditional end of the year holidays for now, but once New Year's is done... Let the party begin!

By Rosalie Klein



Queens Carnival 57, showing this year's tee shirt with logo by Michael Douglas far right



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## Billy Crystal steps in to host Oscars after row

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Oscars veteran Billy Crystal stepped in to host this year's Academy Awards show, after actor Eddie Murphy pulled out following a row over a producer's anti-gay comments.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences hailed Crystal -- who has hosted the top Hollywood awards eight times before -- as an "Oscar icon" who would be "back where he belongs" on stage at the February 26 show.

"Am doing the Oscars so the young woman in the

pharmacy will stop asking my name when I pick up my prescriptions," Crystal wrote in a typically whimsical tweet, beating the Academy to the announcement.

"Some of the best moments of my career have happened on the Oscar stage. I am thrilled to be back there," said Crystal, quoted by the Academy.

Only comic Bob Hope has hosted more Academy Awards presentations, with 19 ceremonies between 1940 and 1978. Crystal last hosted the Academy Awards in 2004.



## Parents Guide to Skin Protection



It's important to protect your children's skin from the damaging effects of the sun. No matter what they're doing or what time of year it is, if they are outdoors, they need to be protected.

Aruba is one of the places in the world where the sun is the strongest. Located only 12.5 degrees north of the equator, the sun shines with maximum strength and penetrates the atmosphere with a maximum amount of UV rays. What most people don't know on water and sand, which means that even in the shade you need protection.

Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.

### Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.

- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.

- Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sun-

screen that is not waterproof.

- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.

- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.

- Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.

- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.



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## Cozy, comfy and incredibly affordable, The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

Two local TV personalities were caught enjoying lunch at The Queen's. They declared, after several visits, they judged the food to be "excellent," and particularly recommended Grandma's secret recipe. We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously pictur-

esque meal.

Located Downtown next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa was in the mood to prepare. We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

## Jackson doctor admits 'stupid' mistakes before death

LONDON (AFP) - Conrad Murray, the doctor convicted of Michael Jackson's manslaughter, admitted in comments broadcast Thursday that he made mistakes on the day of the pop icon's death but denied criminal culpability.

Murray recalled how he went into the room next to Jackson's bedroom to make telephone calls while the star lay dying -- and justified not telling police about having given him propofol, as "I did not think it was important."

Murray, 58, claimed Jackson had requested "milk" -- his slang term for propofol -- at

10:40 am on June 25, 2009, to help him sleep after a restless night.

In accounting for the one hour and 40 minutes between administering the drug and emergency services being called, Murray said he had sat with Jackson, checking his vital signs until he believed the effects had worn off, before moving to the adjacent room at 11:20 am.

"If you say: 'Dr Murray, that was really stupid, you should have had a look,' then I agree," the doctor said.

Murray did not inform police that Jackson had taken the

drug because "they never asked me" and "I did not think it was important."

The doctor also accepted he had made a mistake in not keeping medical notes on Jackson, but argued this failure "was not responsible for his death".

Murray said he had been trying to wean Jackson off the drug -- an anaesthetic the singer had been taking to treat insomnia since before they met.

Jackson was so hooked on the intravenously administered drug that his veins were "like spiders webs," explained Murray.



## Tennis: Fabulous Federer pockets 800th career win



PARIS (AFP) - Tennis icon Roger Federer won the 800th match of his storied career on Friday with a 6-3, 7-5 defeat of Argentine Juan Monaco to set up a semi-final at the Paris Master with Tomas Berdych.

The Swiss holder of a record 16 grand slam titles, who lifted his 68th trophy last weekend in Basel, claimed both his first and his most recent wins in France, scoring his first ATP success in September, 1998, in Toulouse over Frenchman Guillaume Raoux. Federer ended after just under 90 minutes against Monaco with his seventh ace, lifting his record to 57-12 on the season. He is the seventh man in tennis history to break the 800-win barrier.

He has also won his last 62 matches against players ranked outside the Top 20 as he beat number 34 Monaco.

Federer said: "It's nice. It's a lot of matches, a lot of tennis I've played, I know that. But I know there are many other players that have played more tennis than I have."

Earlier Berdych outlasted second seed Andy Murray in a marathon battle of missed opportunities 4-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-4.

Federer admitted their semi-final could keep fans on the edges of their seats.

The frustrated Murray ended with a forehand wide on a second match point for fifth

seed Berdych, who qualified into the field for the year-end World Tour Finals starting a week from Sunday in London.

The struggle lasted for nearly three-and-a-quarter hours, with Murray missing on 15 of 17 break point chances and Berdych managing to break only twice from 14 opportunities.

Murray will head home to London to prepare for the eight-man season wrap-up without having ever reached a semi at the Bercy arena.

Berdych now stands 3-1 over Murray in their series, winning their last three dating to 2006 and including a victory last year at Roland Garros.

Off court, top seed Novak Djokovic pulled out to hand Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga a walkover into the last four due to a shoulder injury.

The Serb world number one said his shoulder had worsened after his 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory over compatriot Viktor Troicki on Thursday.

ATP officials said Friday Djokovic flew directly to his Monte Carlo base to begin treatment by the same specialists who somehow got him fit for a Paris start after re-injuring the shoulder in last weekend's Basel semifinal loss to Kei Nishikori.

With players for the eight-man World Tour Finals due in London on Thursday, the timetable gives Djokovic at least six treatment days.

Tsonga next plays American John Isner who ousted fourth seeded Spaniard David Ferrer 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.



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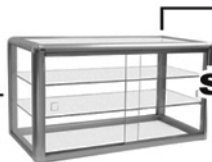
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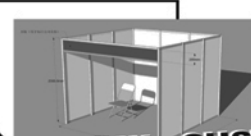
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## NFL: Giants meet 49ers in clash of first-place teams

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers are two of the biggest surprises at the halfway point of the season in the National Football League.

The 49ers (7-1), who have a comfortable lead in the NFC West, and the NFC East-leading Giants (6-2) meet Sunday in a mid-season clash.

The Giants have failed to make it to the post-season each of the last two seasons. They are two games ahead of the second-placed Dallas Cowboys and three ahead of the Philadelphia Eagles, who were expected to dominate the

division.

But that has not happened and the Giants bolstered their status as viable contenders for a division title by beating the New England Patriots 24-20 last week, as quarterback Eli Manning hit tight end Jake Ballard for a one-yard touchdown pass with 15 seconds left in the game.

While New York's rise has been unexpected, the 49ers surprisingly have the NFL's second-best record under first-year coach Jim Harbaugh. San Francisco have finished at or below .500 in each of the past eight years.

"A lot of people doubted us, a lot of people put us out because we didn't have an off-season, we had a whole new staff, we're going to be lost and running around with our heads cut off," Francois said.

The 49ers have the league's top-ranked run defense, yielding 70.8 yards per game and 61.3 over the last three games.

In another key Sunday matchup, the New York Jets meet their rivals the New England Patriots. It has been four weeks since the Jets lost to the Patriots, and subsequently had their postseason hopes called into question.

Jets coach Rex Ryan would love nothing more than to give the Patriots a similar experience.

The now red-hot Jets have a chance at MetLife Stadium to send the struggling Patriots to their first three-game losing

skid in nine years. The Jets are 4-0 at home this season.

In the Monday night game, the Green Bay Packers will try to keep their perfect record intact by tightening up on the defensive end when they host the Minnesota Vikings.

Despite returning two interceptions for touchdowns last Sunday, the Packers conceded its most points of the season and almost blew a 21-point lead in a 45-38 win over the Chargers in San Diego.

The reigning Super Bowl champion Packers (8-0) are off to their best start since opening with 10 consecutive victories in 1962.

The Vikings do not plan to back down, said receiver Percy Harvin.

This week's action kicked off Thursday night as the Oakland Raiders seized first place in the AFC West by beating the San Diego Chargers 24-17.

Carson Palmer threw two touchdown passes and Michael Bush ran 30 times for a season-high 157 yards and one touchdown to lead the Raiders over the Chargers, who suffered their fourth-straight loss.

Other games on Sunday are Rams at Browns, Steelers at Bengals, Saints at Falcons, Bills at Cowboys, Titans at Panthers, Broncos at Chiefs, Jaguars at Colts, Cardinals at Eagles, Texans at Buccaneers, Redskins at Dolphins, Ravens at Seahawks and Lions at Bears.

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Not so fast, Roach warns, citing Pacquiao's footwork.

"That's the key to the fight. That's the way to draw out Marquez," Roach said. "Manny's balance is better. He will throw the wild shot here and there. With Manny, it's hard to know when he's coming."

"It's because of the footwork. It's going to cause Marquez problems."

Marquez has added muscle but that has brought speed concerns, although Beristain says Marquez can trade blows or evade punches when necessary.

"I was very concerned at

the beginning. I could see he was slowing down," Beristain said. "But in the last 15 days, he has picked it up. I'm very happy with how his speed is now. He's going to be fine for the fight."

Roach sees Marquez attacking fast to make the most of his extra size.

"Marquez is going to start quickly. Why else do you put that weight on?" Roach said. "He's going to try to get Manny out of there early."

"I don't see the muscle helping at all. I don't think muscle turns into punching power. Muscle doesn't make you a better puncher."

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## Aruban makes his and Aruba's name in France



Just recently the European Windsurf Championship came to a close with its final race in Frans. It is here that the 13 year old young Aruban, Steven Max achieved the highest title in the "Feestyle" category.

This windsurf championship consisted of four phases requiring each surfer to compete in different European countries such as Eng-

land, Holland, Belgium and France for the final competitive round.

Young Steven Max represented Aruba and beautifully displayed his skill and passion for "Freestyle" Windsurfing winning the highest title in the category under 15 years of age, and second place in the category under 17 years of age.

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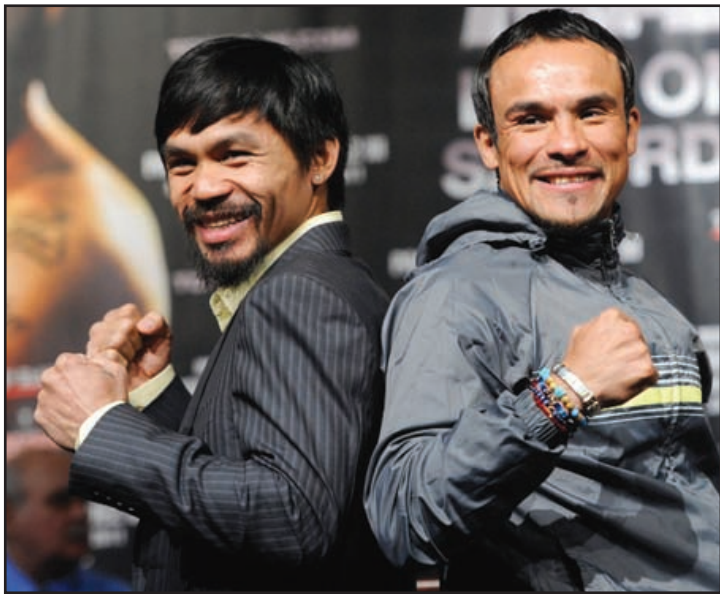


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## Boxing: Pacquiao carries extra passion to beat Marquez



LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Filipino boxing icon Manny Pacquiao has little to prove after world titles in a record eight weight classes, but he carries an extra fire into today's fight with Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez.

Pacquiao, regarded as the world pound-for-pound king, will defend his World Boxing Organization title against Marquez after they fought to a 2004 draw and the Asian southpaw won a 2008 rematch by one point on one judge's scorecard.

Marquez taunted Pacquiao by saying he truly won both prior fights, inspiring "Pac-Man" to train like never before.

"This is one of the most important fights I have had," Pacquiao said. "This fight is really important to me because he says he won the first two fights. The question is what do I need to do to prove to people I won those fights."

A knockout would leave no doubt about which fighter is superior and both men have made changes to boost their chances of landing such a blow, Marquez adding muscle to boost his power and Pacquiao improving his footwork and right hand.

"With the aggressiveness Manny has had in training, I'm sure that's what he's looking for," Pacquiao trainer Freddie Roach said. "He has

a little extra fire in him. His attitude is aggressive. He wants this fight badly.

"If Manny puts him down I don't think he will get up."

Pacquiao knocked down Marquez three times in the first round of their first fight but could not win and knocked him down in the third round of the rematch before barely escaping with the decision.

"I will go to my death and know that (Marquez) won that second fight," said Ignacio Beristain, Marquez's Hall of Fame trainer.

"I thought we won both of them," Roach said. "They were great fights."

Coming up empty twice against Pacquiao drives Marquez, who at 38 is six years older than the champion.

"I'm just as motivated as he is. I'm just as upset as he is because I deserved to win those two fights," Marquez said. "We're going to cure a lot of doubts."

Pacquiao, 53-3 with two drawn and 38 knockouts, has given Beristain sleepless nights studying video while trying to find a strategy to end the 14-fight win streak of "PacMan".

"You can lose a lot of sleep thinking about Manny Pacquiao," Beristain said. "He is going to come like a

lion to this fight. He has the whole Philippines on his shoulders.

"Pacquiao has a great punch. Every minute of every round you are in danger if you get hit. We have worked on ways to avoid that. We talked a lot about being more explosive with his punches.

"Manny Pacquiao is a spectacular fighter. He likes to exchange. He always wants to fight. And he has found a guy who wants to stay in there and fight with him."

Marquez, 53-5 with one drawn and 39 knockouts, is more cautious about Pacquiao's improved right hand skill compared to the first two fights.

"In the past he didn't use his right hand," Marquez said. "Now he is using the

right hand with speed. We have to be careful of both hands.

"His left hand was always the big one, the one we tried to nullify. I think his right is the better one now. You have to be careful knowing that he can knock you out with either hand."

But Beristain sees a possible edge for Marquez in Pacquiao's evolution.

"He's a more complete fighter. That helps us," Beristain said. "Before he was throwing wild punches from different angles. You never knew where he was coming from. Now you know right where he is coming from. You know what he's going to do."

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